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1. JUSTICE MINISTRY STATE SECRETARY EHMKE TOLD
5 DECEMBER THAT SPD HAD DECIDED TO SUPPORT CANDIDACY OF
GENERAL WESSEL AS REPLACEMENT FOR GEHLEN SINCE THIS, IN
THEIR OPINION, BEST OF CHOICES OFFERED. EHMKE SAID THAT
CDU/CSU HAD ALSO SUGGESTED AMB. SCHNIPPENKOEITZER, BUT THIS
UNACCEPTABLE TO SPD.

2. AS QUID PRO QUO FOR SUPPORTING WESSEL, SPD WANTS
TO HAVE RIGHT TO NOMINATE BND'S NUMBER TWO MAN. PRESENT
TWO SPD CANDIDATES ARE DR. NOLLAU, BFV VICE PRESIDENT AND
DR. REDDING, CHIEF LFW, HAMBURG. NOLLAU IN STRONGER
POSITION BECAUSE HE HAS SUPPORT OF HERBERT WEHNER WHILE
THERE IS SOME OPPOSITION WITHIN SPD TO REDDING. SPD WILL
MAKE NOMINATION FOR THE NUMBER TWO POSITION SHORTLY.

3. ☐ TOLD ☐ 6 DECEMBER THAT CHANCELLOR
HAD NOT MADE A DECISION ABOUT BND VICE PRESIDENT. BOTH
☐ AND CHANCELLOR ARE INCLINED APPOINT GENERAL
WENDLAND TO POSITION. AT THIS POINT THEY DO NOT THINK

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THEY WILL HAVE TO ACCEPT A POLITICAL APPOINTEE NOMINATED
BY SPD. THERE IS NO QUESTION IN THEIR MINDS ON PRESIDENT,
THEY ARE READY APPOINT WESSEL.

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